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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled).

2. (new) An expansion module for use in conjunction with a removable expansion card, an I/O device, and a computing host having an externally accessible first expansion coupling, the expansion module comprising:

an assembly adapted to directly removably attach with the computing host via the first expansion coupling, the assembly including a second expansion coupling, adapter circuitry to manage data transfers with the removable expansion card, and an I/O interface adapted to couple with the I/O device;

wherein independent of the attachment of the assembly to the computing host, the second expansion coupling is externally accessible and is adapted to directly removably attach with the removable expansion card, the removable expansion card nesting within the assembly when attached thereto; and

wherein the first externally accessible coupling and the second externally accessible coupling are respectively a first-level coupling and a second-level coupling, the expansion module is a first-level module adapted to couple to the computing host via the first-level coupling, the removable expansion card is a second-level module adapted to couple to the first-level module via the second-level coupling, and the data transfers include transferring information between the first-level module and the second-level module.

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- 1 3. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the computing host is a portable host.
- 1 4. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the computing host is a PDA.
- 1 5. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the removable expansion card is a removable
2 memory.
- 1 6. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein removable expansion card is a first
2 removable expansion card and the assembly is a second removable expansion
3 card.
- 1 7. (new) The expansion module of claim 6, wherein the second removable expansion
2 card nests within the computing host when attached thereto.
- 1 8. (new) The system of claim 2, wherein the I/O device is permanently attached to the third
2 coupling.

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- 1 9. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O device is removably attached to the
- 2 third coupling.

- 1 10. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the assembly is a CompactFlash card.

- 1 11. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the removable expansion card is a
- 2 MultiMediaCard card.

- 1 12. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein:
 - 2 the first coupling includes a first slot; and
 - 3 the second coupling includes a second slot.

- 1 13. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to an
- 2 antenna external to the assembly.

- 1 14. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to a
- 2 communications link external to the assembly.

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- 1 15. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface is adapted to couple to a
- 2 communications subsystem external to the assembly.

- 1 16. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface is coupled to a receiver.

- 1 17. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface includes a telephone
- 2 interface.

- 1 18. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface includes an antenna
- 2 interface.

- 1 19. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface includes a network
- 2 interface.

- 1 20. (new) The expansion module of claim 2, wherein the I/O interface includes a serial interface.